

*An evening to honour the memory of*

*G E R S H O M   S C H O L E M*

*will take place in the*

*Joseph & Ida Berman Auditorium  
of the Jewish Public Library*

*TUESDAY, MARCH 30th 1982 - at 8.00 P.M.*

*Gershom Scholem, whose birth in Germany was coincidental with the holding of the first Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897, committed himself wholeheartedly to the movement after a youthful period of searching and study in Germany.*

*Despite his assimilated Jewish family, Scholem realized at age twenty-six that Zionism was the way in which he would personally express himself Jewishly. Accordingly, he emigrated to Palestine and by 1923 became associated with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, first as librarian and then as professor of Jewish mysticism.*

*He sought to investigate the wellsprings of traditional Jewish mysticism by subjecting them to rigorous scholarly scrutiny. His published research on the topic is breathtaking. Scholem wrote more than 500 articles and books on this subject and, of course, on many others. His article on Cabbala in the Jewish Encyclopedia has been hailed as the definitive statement on the subject.*

*Gershom Scholem died in Jerusalem on February 20th. He was eighty-four.*

*Professor IRA ROBINSON*

*of Concordia University's Department of Religion*

*will be guest speaker of the evening*

*his topic"*

*"Gershom Scholem's contribution to our understanding of Judaism"*

*Chairperson, Claire Stern*

*Cummings House*

*5151 Cote Ste Catherine Road*